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LOW FOOD RATIONS IN HUNGARY

LOW RATIONS AFFECT AVH -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 11 Feb 53

The public food supply in Hungary has been curtailed so seriously that even the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority) Border Guard is affected. Guards patrolling the Austro-Hungarian border have taken to begging food from the Austrian peasants along the border.

The guards have told the peasants that rations consisting of 20 kilograms of bread, 70 decagrams of sugar, 17 kilograms of vegetables, and 5 kilograms of meat are supposed to last an outpost of 65 men for 24 hours. Although the Border Guard enjoys preferential rations, at least half of the 5 kilograms of meat consists of very low quality sausage.

MILK SUPPLY DECLINES -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 28 Jan 53

The Dunantuli Tejipari Egyesules (Trans-Danubian Milk Industry Association), which processes all the milk delivered in Sopron Megye, received half as much milk in 1952 as in 1948. In 1948, average daily milk delivery amounted to 18,000 liters; in summer 1952, the daily average ranged from 8,000 to 8,500 liters. Communist officials themselves admit that the onerous delivery quotas imposed on the peasants force the peasants to drink milk in secret in order to stay alive.

The milk shortage is so severe that even children, pregnant women, and invalids are unable to obtain the amount of milk officially allotted to them. The sale of whole milk is strictly forbidden.

The milk industry associations, generally located in the megye seat, are required to separate the cream from the milk, pasteurize the milk, and distribute it to the food retailers. The fat content of the milk distributed may not exceed 2.5 percent now, as compared with 3.3 percent in 1951.

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